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“Me…Jane” Lesson Plans

Grade: 5

Subject: Reading

Skill: Main Idea and Details

Objective: Determine main idea and identify details

Common Core State Standard: Informational Text 2: Determine 2 or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text

Materials: one copy of “Me…Jane” by Patrick McDonnell; a class set of main ideas graphic organizer worksheets

Lesson Outline:

1. Introduce
   1. Teacher will explain the following:
      1. Main ideas provide the most important information about a topic and help you summarize as you read
      2. Sometimes main ideas are stated; other times readers have to figure them out
2. Teach
   1. Teacher will use “Me…Jane” to model how to determine main idea
   2. Teacher will read the first half of “Me…Jane” to the class to determine the main idea
   3. After reading the first half, teacher will ask students to summarize what has been read so far
      1. Model: “This is a good place to summarize because I’ve read about a few important ideas”
      2. Model: “The first few pages discuss Jane and Jubilee and the activities that they enjoy doing together.”
   4. Teacher will finish reading the second half of the book.
3. Practice and Assess
   1. Teacher will distribute main idea graphic organizer worksheets to each student.
   2. Students will complete the graphic organizer by identifying the main idea and details
   3. Students will use the information from their graphic organizers to compose a paragraph about the main ideas and details of “Me…Jane”